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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. A meeting was held among [ ] , [ ] and AECASSOWARY/15 at the latter's home on 16 February 1960. The purpose was to brief A/15 on our concept of his role in A/1 operations, since he is about to undertake new duties with the group. A/15 said that he welcomed a full discussion on this subject and that he had felt up to this time the lack of a clear explanation of what was expected of him. The undersigned sketched out verbally our views on the basis for A/1 - Agency collaboration, citing the advantages to both and the areas of mutual and distinct interest.

2. Following a thorough discussion on specific operational objectives, both PP and FI, we discussed means of attaining our ends, i.e., what types of operations we should be running. Next we covered A/1 assets useful for these operations. A/15 was asked to obtain full biographic and other useful information on A/1 contacts throughout the world. This information probably exists mainly in A/2's head. We asked him for it earlier and supplied guiding questionnaires, but up to now he has provided only a little of it. Realizing that repeated requests would meet with promises but little action, we postponed a serious effort to acquire the data until A/15 and A/29 were put to work. These two individuals in their operations planning will be required to gather the data in any event. We stressed to A/15 that it is our desire to work with him extremely closely, to be the greatest possible help, and to provide realistic advice and direction on operational questions. A/15 was told he would be expected to provide up-to-the-minute full reporting on his activities. He agreed that this was proper and desirable.

3. As for operational targets, we discussed the upcoming Congress of Historians, which will take place in Stockholm this summer, and the International Law Congress in Hamburg, also in the summer. Further discussions on these two international meetings will take place in New York next week, when the undersigned expects to meet with A/2, A/15 and A/29.

4. Another operational matter discussed was A/1 contact with a Volodymyr Skok, an exchange student from the Ukraine at Columbia University. A/15 was asked to monitor this contact and report on it in the future so that the case receives the proper direction.

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5. A/15 was given trace results on Valeriy Kravchenko, a member of the Soviet Embassy in Washington who appeared at a social function sponsored by the Ukrainian emigre group in Washington.

6. We passed to A/15 an outline written by [ ] for the briefing of American tourists going to the Ukraine. A/15 was asked to amend, add, or correct the substance of the briefing material so that it is accurate.

7. Finally we discussed A/15's time schedule as it relates to the training which has been planned for him. He was briefed on the nature and substance of the SRO course and subsequent covert training to be given by OTR. The courses were described to him, and he was asked for comments and suggestions. He asked [ ] the training includes report writing. He was assured that this subject was an integral part of the course he was to receive. He agreed that although the operational training which he will undergo will delay our operational activity, it will be worthwhile, and we should sacrifice time to benefit operations.

8. A/15 asked that some agreement be reached on his travel expenses, since he is to spend a considerable part of his time in New York. He was assured that we would work out an agreement with A/2 and inform him of it the same day, since he was intending to leave Washington for New York on the 17th. It was later agreed with A/2 that, pending further discussions on the question of both travel expenses and operational expenses, we would cover A/15's current travel expenses at the standard rate of per diem for U.S. Government employees. A/15 was later informed about this agreement and stated that it was satisfactory to him.

9. The undersigned were again impressed by A/15's sensible suggestions. We believe he will perform very satisfactorily. Furthermore, he is the type of individual with whom it is a pleasure to work.

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